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RENEWED CALLS TO DEMOLISH DERELICT PUB

Report by **Henry James**

THE latest fire at a derelict pub in Digmoor has prompted renewed calls for it to be demolished before someone is seriously hurt there – but there is confusion surrounding who is responsible for the delay in clearing the site.

Fire engines from Skelmersdale and Wigan were called out to the former Almond Tree pub in Abbeystead, which has been empty for more than two years, just before 8pm on Sunday (May 7). Firefighters used a hose reel and two breathing apparatus sets to extinguish the fire and the cause is under investigation.

An earlier blaze at the site in April 2015 is believed to have been the work of arsonists.

Now local borough and county councillor, Terry Aldridge, has called for action to make the site safe before anyone is injured.

He said: "It is a disgrace that the developers have left this property empty so long. I feel very strongly about this. Myself and the other local councillors have been attempting to make this pub safe for the local community, but the developers don't seem to be taking any notice. They have no respect for the local community.

"If they want to demolish this pub they should just get on with it. It has just been empty for two years and is an eyesore.

"There have been two or three fires at this site now over the last couple of years. Does someone have to get hurt before anything is done about it?"

However, the new owners say they are waiting for the go-ahead from the local authority to demolish the former pub and develop the site.

David Smith, from Smith and Lyons, who now own the building, responded: "I have spoken to the council about the Almond Tree being demolished as soon as possible because of safety concerns but they did not think it was dangerous. The architect has applied to the council for it to be demolished. We don't want to see any children get hurt. It will be quicker for it to be demolished than fenced off."

Last September residents contacted the Champion calling the disused building a potential 'death trap' and called for it to be pulled down. At the time neighbours reported children playing in the building, which is near to a playground, and said they feared someone would get hurt there.

Cllr. Terry Aldridge outside the derelict pub

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Chance to sign up for Ambassadors' latest business breakfast

BUSINESS people with connections to Skelmersdale will be able to hear 'inspirational' local guest speakers talking about their success stories and meet other commercial leaders at the next Skelmersdale Ambassadors business breakfast.

Council chiefs say the Ambassadors Network is becoming a powerful group which aims to enable local businesses to raise their profile, as well as showcasing and celebrating the town as a great place to live, work and invest.

The business breakfast event will be held on Wednesday, May 17 within the state-of-the-art Tech Hub at Edge Hill University in Ormskirk. It will run from 7.45 to 9.30am.

In addition to having the opportunity to network, attendees will be able to hear from Dr Michele Lawty-Jones, director of the Lancashire Skills and Employment Hub; Stefan Montarius, site manager at SCA Hygiene Products Ltd; Serge Patrick-Heselton, operations director at Solid Sheds; and Peter Richards, strategic planning & implementation manager at West Lancs Council who will discuss the Local Plan and its importance to businesses.

The event is free to attend but booking is required in advance to secure your place.

To find out more, email lets.talk@westlancs.gov.uk or call the council's economic regeneration team on 01695 712692.

If you are unable to attend the event you can still find out about becoming a Skelmersdale Ambassador at www.westlancs.gov.ukskelmersdaleambassadors.

John Harrison, West Lancs Council's director of development and regeneration, said: "Don't miss the next important Skelmersdale Ambassadors business breakfast as this event could really help your business. I would urge local companies to sign up and become Ambassadors for Skelmersdale to help make the local economy even stronger."

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Bank holiday revellers 'jump on the bandwagon' to help Emma towards her fundraising target

REVELLERS enjoyed a live music festival to raise funds for a young girl from Ormskirk who needs a life-changing operation.

The event, called Jump on The Bandwagon, ran from noon to 11pm at the Plough Inn in Spa Lane, Lathom on Bank Holiday Monday – raising £1,800. It was staged in aid of Emma Burrows, who has cerebral palsy and autism, who attended the event with parents, Rachel and Matt and sister, Ellie.

The eight-year-old's family are bidding to raise funding for a life-changing operation next month to stop painful, uncontrollable movements in her legs, which would become worse as she grows up. Now they are just £800 short of their £21,000 target.

Specialists at Alder Hey Children's Hospital in Liverpool have recommended Emma undergoes a selective dorsal rhizotomy on June 23. The procedure is a private operation, not available on the NHS, to cut nerves in her spinal cord to prevent faulty nerve impulses, which are a symptom of her cerebral palsy.

Emma's mum Rachel said: "We raised a grand total of £1,802 at Jump on The Bandwagon and we are just under £800 shy of our £21,000 target - but we will meet it if people continue to support our future events.

"We received a letter to Emma's school from one of your readers after Emma's story was featured in the Champion and they enclosed £100 towards the fundraising, which really touched us."

Emma Burrows with family and supporters at The Plough Inn fundraiser

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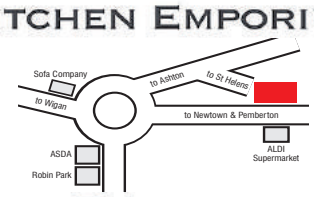

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Trinity headteacher Richard Kershaw with senior staff and pupils who will celebrate the school's 50th anniversary next month.

School gears up for special milestone

STAFF, pupils and parents at a Skelmersdale primary school are preparing to celebrate a special milestone next month.

On Saturday, June 10 Trinity CE/Methodist Primary will mark the 50th anniversary of its opening with a special Family Fun Day.

Since that opening in 1967, the school in Kiln Lane has continued to grow and prosper and today has 231 pupils.

The latest report by school inspectors Ofsted in October 2015 described Trinity as having "outstanding early years provision and close links with the church."

Both St Paul's Parish Church and Trinity Methodist Church have always played a very active role in the school.

At Christmas, pupils perform a nativity at St Paul's Church, while the primary also has the motto 'Letting our light shine as we live, love and learn, together with Jesus.'

Trinity also had a record of long-serving staff, including former headteacher, Albert Bain, who retired in 2006 after many years of service.

The Family Fun Day will be officially opened by the Mayor of West Lancashire at 11am and run until 2pm.

And it will feature a whole host of attractions including refreshments/barbecue; karaoke; old school games; bouncy castles; tug of war competition; ice cream van; music; Skem Brass Band; maypole dancing; rounders; beat the goalie; cake sale and sweet and tombola stalls.

Lynda Waring from Trinity Primary said: "We have also asked former staff members and pupils to come along and provide any memories or photos etc., if they can.

"Photos can be brought to school before the day and they will be scanned and returned immediately."

Red Rose county votes blue!

THE Conservatives have taken overall control of Lancashire County Council following last Thursday's election.

The new make-up of the council sees the Conservatives with 46 seats, Labour with 30, the Liberal Democrats with four, plus two independents and one each for the Green Party and UKIP.

In West Lancashire the eight wards were equally divided between the two major parties, with the Conservatives winning Burscough & Rufford, West Lancashire East, West Lancashire West and West Lancashire North and Labour taking Ormskirk, Skelmersdale Central, Skelmersdale East and Skelmersdale West.

Meanwhile, County Councillor Geoff Driver, who was re-elected as Tory group leader on Saturday, has pledged to reopen all the libraries closed across the county wherever possible.

He added that where libraries had been run as community ventures he would discuss with these groups if they wished to continue, in which case he would provide additional support to them.

County Councillor Geoff Driver

If not, he said the authority would take over the running, as well as reopening the closed ones.

He said he also wanted to do something about fixing what he called the 'terrible' potholes on some of the county's main roads and would look into the possibility of subsidised bus services.

And he added; "I want to make sure we've got the priorities right in terms of expenditure and to make sure we are going to tackle the real problems that prevail."

Results in West Lancashire were as follows:

Burscough & Rufford ward
Cynthia Dereli (Labour) 1,959;
Eddie Pope (Conservative) 2,154.
Turnout: 41.48%

Ormskirk
Nikki Hennessy (Labour and Co-operative party) 2,100;
Gordon Paul Johnson (Our West Lancashire) 797;
Gaynor Pickering (The Green Party) 137;
David Alexander Westley (Con) 1,439.
Turnout: 42.19%

Skelmersdale Central
Terence Aldridge (Lab) 2,574;
Samuel Peter Currie (Con) 350.
turnout: 27.15%

Skelmersdale East
John Fillis (Lab) 2,175;
George Ernest Pratt (Con) 1,546.
Turnout: 34.37%

Skelmersdale West
Julie Patricia Gibson (Lab and Co-operative) 2,277;
William Mason Rowan Gilmour (Green) 282;
Ruth Melling (Con) 631.
Turnout: 29.81%

West Lancashire East
Ian Davis (OWL) 872;
Gareth Dowling (Lab) 1,008;
Heather Doyle (Green) 137;
Paul Vincent Greenall (Con) 1,921;
John Stewart Simpson Stewart (UK Independence Party) 130.
Turnout: 37.28%

West Lancashire North
Malcolm Robert Barron (Con) 2,317;
Jeffrey Robert James Christie (Liberal Democrat Focus Team) 1,328;
Andy Pritchard (Lab) 526.
Turnout: 36.88%

West Lancashire West
Maureen Kathleen Patricia Mills (Lab) 1,348;
David Michael O'Toole (Con) 2,231.
Turnout: 35.13%.

Renewed calls to demolish pub

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Proposals submitted to the borough council in 2015 by Blackburn Property Limited for outline planning approval to demolish the former pub and build 12 flats in one single block to the rear of the site were passed.

However, with the site now under the ownership of Smith and Lyons, David Smith added: "We are consulting with the architects on whether to draw up a different scheme or push ahead with the original one."

A spokesman for West Lancs Council said: "Following the fire in April 2015 the council has on several occasions attended the Almond Tree public house under Section 78 of the Building Act 1984 in response to reports that the building was dangerous.

"The most recent being a report received on April 10 this year. At the time of this visit it was noted that the premises may have deteriorated slightly but it was not considered dangerous. The building was reasonably secure against unauthorised access and no further action was required.

"In addition to planning requirements when a person intends to demolish a building or part of a building with a volume of greater than 1,750 cubic feet they should give the local authority notice under Section 80 of the Building Act 1984. The council has not as yet received a formal notice of intention to demolish this building.

"The council has not received a separate, new planning application to demolish the former pub recently. However, the outline permission granted last year (2015/0723/OUT) for 12 dwellings, included demolition of the building."

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Don't miss the vote!

Residents urged to make sure they are registered in time to take part in general and local elections

ELIGIBLE residents in West Lancashire are being reminded to make sure they are registered to vote in the General Election on Thursday, June 8 and also the by-election to elect a borough councillor for the vacant seat in the Aughton Park ward.

The closing date to register to vote in these elections is Monday, May 22.

If you think you won't be able to go to a polling station on the day you can apply for a postal vote, or a proxy vote, where someone you nominate can go to the polling station to register your vote on your behalf.

If you received a poll card for the Lancashire County Council elections on Thursday, May 4, then you are already registered to vote and do not need to register again in order to vote on June 8.

Residents can check whether they're registered to vote by calling the elections office on 01695 585014. You can fill in an online registration by visiting www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or www.west-lancs.gov.uk/registertovote.

For more information email elections.office@west-lancs.gov.uk. If you do not have access to the Internet ask the elections office for a paper registration form.

Kim Webber, electoral registration officer for West Lancashire, said: "You cannot vote in the elections on June 8 if you aren't registered. The closing date to register is Monday 22nd May 2017. If in doubt please contact the council to make sure you are on the register. If you are not then it only takes a few minutes to do it online by visiting www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

"Please also remember that you can apply for a postal or proxy vote if you can't make it to the polling station on the day. Contact the council as soon as you can to apply to make sure you can vote in the elections."

To apply for a postal or proxy vote form call the elections office on 01695 585014, email electionsoffice@westlancs.gov.uk or download an application form by visiting the website www.west-lancs.gov.uk/howtovote.

Alternatively you can call in to the council offices at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk.

Your completed application form for a postal vote must reach the council by 5pm on Tuesday, May 23 and completed application forms for a proxy vote must arrive by 5pm on Wednesday, May 31.

Applications to vote by proxy at this election applied for on grounds of physical incapacity, where that physical incapacity occurred after 5pm on Wednesday, May 31 must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk by 5pm on Thursday, June 8.

Residents are being urged to make sure they're registered to cast their votes in forthcoming polls

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Mental health groups join forces to mark awareness week

Report by **Henry James**

MENTAL health groups in West Lancashire are teaming up to recognise Mental Health Awareness Week 2017 (May 8 – 14) which this year has the theme 'Surviving to Thriving', with free local events taking place in Skelmersdale.

Birchwood Crisis Centre and their popular Junk Food Cafes are joining forces with the NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, Community Restart and other partners to host two events.

The first is today (Wednesday, May 10) at the Tanhouse Community Centre from 11am to 3pm. And the second is tomorrow (Thursday, May 11) at the Ecumenical Centre,in Northway, Skelmersdale also from 11am to 3pm.

These are open to all and food will be available through the Junk Food Cafes, which offer healthy meals on a 'pay as you feel' basis as part of a food waste reduction programme. Birchwood intercept the food from local supermarkets that would otherwise have gone to waste.

Stella Connell

For those with a creative flair, the events also offer the chance to produce a piece of community art to mark Mental Health Awareness Week.

Stella Connell from Birchwood Crisis Centre, said: "We'd like to invite anyone and everyone to join us at these events, which are all about raising awareness of mental health and showcasing what support and opportunities are available on our doorstep.

"These events are a real team effort and it is great to have so many experts, groups and organisations involved from across West Lancashire.

"Mental health is hugely important to our overall health and wellbeing and these events aim to encourage people to think about their mental health as well as their physical health."

This year's theme, 'Surviving to Thriving' is about looking at mental health from a new angle.

Rather than asking why so many people are living with mental health problems, the aim is to uncover why too few of us are thriving with good mental health.

Care trust Mindsmatter therapy service now available at GP surgery

PEOPLE living in West Lancashire can now access Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust's Mindsmatter service at a local GP surgery following the launch of a healthcare partnership.

Mindsmatter provides talking therapies for adults aged 16 and over who are experiencing common mental health issues such as anxiety, depression and stress.

After West Lancashire Mindsmatter Service lost their accommodation at Daniels Lane in Skelmersdale officials were looking for temporary accommodation to continue providing the service, in GP practice rooms in the area.

Now Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust has teamed up with the Matthew Ryder NHS GP practice on Dingle Road, Up Holland to provide community mental health services.

The Matthew Ryder practice received £40,000 from the Infrastructure Fund to complete their building and car park.

Lisa Woods, Mindsmatter service manager, said: "We are really looking forward to working in partnership with the Matthew Ryder practice to provide community mental health service in West Lancashire.

"The Mindsmatter service unfortunately lost their accommodation in March last year and began looking for temporary accommodation to continue to provide the service. Dr Patrick Ryder from the Matthew Ryder Clinic in Upholland had recently built a new annexe at the practice and agreed to lease to the trust so that the Mindsmatter Team could see their clients there."

Patrick Ryder, a senior partner at the Matthew Ryder clinic, added: "I am delighted to be working in collaboration with Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust to provide an integrated community mental health service in this flagship project."

Couple's 'video nasty' shock after bank holiday day out

Intruders caught on CCTV torturing pet chickens

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A COUPLE from Up Holland returned home after a day out to discover their own video nasty.

A group of four youths had broken into the garden of the property in Ormskirk Road, where Jamie McRobb lives with his partner, and chased and tortured their two pet chickens with sticks before violently killing one of them with a rake!

The property is monitored by CCTV which overlooks the garden and the sickening episode was captured on good-quality images which Jamie was able to hand over to Lancashire Constabulary to identify the offenders.

Jamie also posted images of the youths on Facebook following the incident on Bank Holiday Monday, May 1, and his post has since been 'shared' by around 11,000 other users of the site.

'Shamed'

Some said they had experienced similar horrifying incidents, including one woman whose cat had been killed in almost identical circumstances. Meanwhile, hundreds commented, many calling for the perpetrators to be 'named and shamed'.

Jamie said: "Four pathetic excuses of human beings decided to climb over our garden fence while we were out, chase our two pet chickens around the garden for more than 20 minutes with rakes and sticks and then eventually kill one of them with a garden rake. Luckily, the other managed to get away.

"What they didn't realise is that we have quite a decent CCTV system that covers all of our house and when we have looked at the footage we have managed to get a few decent images of them.

One of Jamie McRobb's CCTV images showing the intruders chasing one of the chickens down the garden

"We would like to give a big thanks to everyone who has shared the post and helped to identify those responsible. The police have taken over but we will be taking this further with the RSPCA due to the cruelty inflicted on our pets."

A spokesperson for Lancashire Constabulary said: "Officers are looking into the incident and enquiries are ongoing."

And an RSPCA spokesperson added: "The RSPCA is working with Lancashire Police to investigate reports of a distressing incident in Up Holland where a chicken has sadly died. This is an on-going investigation and we are looking into the details of what happened. If anyone has any information, contact the RSPCA's 24-hour cruelty line on 0300 1234 999."

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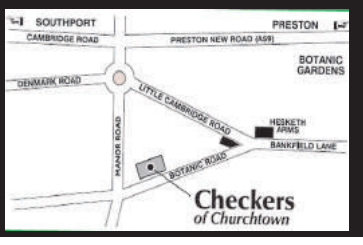

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Report by **Henry James**

FANCY improving your fitness but not sure where to start? If so Active West Lancs has a programme that could help you hit your stride.

Active West Lancs, a partnership commissioned by Lancashire County Council to deliver a three-year programme to improve health and wellbeing across the borough, is running a free, 12-week ‘Couch to 5k’ programme at Our Lady Queen of Peace Engineering College in Skelmersdale.

The course runs between 7 and 8pm on Monday and Wednesday evenings and is aimed at walkers who would like to begin running.

Positive feedback

It was launched on Monday (May 8) but would-be participants can sign up at any time via the website www.runtogether.co.uk. Participants must register online prior to attending their first session.

Week one starts with brisk walking and short 60-second breaks of running, building up slowly week by week to achieve 30 minutes of running by the end of the programme.

Dave Tilleray, West Lancs Council’s director of Leisure and Wellbeing

There's no pressure whatsoever, you just work at your own pace and build up gradually.

And organisers say feedback from past participants on similar programmes has been really positive, with lots of people reporting an improvement in fitness, sleep, general well-being and weight-loss, in addition to being able to get round 5k.

West Lancs Council is one of the main partners in Active West Lancs.

Dave Tilleray, the council’s director of leisure and wellbeing, said: “If watching the London Marathon has inspired you to get running then the ‘Couch to 5k programme’ is a great way for you to start on the right foot.

“Don’t worry, you won’t be expected to be able to run long distances.

“The programme is aimed at people who want to begin running, so sign up today and come along to our fun and friendly sessions.”

The Skelmersdale ‘Couch to 5k’ programme is supported by Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust.

For more information on Active West Lancs visit www.activewestlancs.org, call 01695 555804 or email activewestlancs@westlancs.gov.uk

To find out more about fitness activities and facilities across the borough visit www.westlancs.gov.uk/leisure.

Young people advised to take advantage of sexual health clinics

YOUNG people under the age of 25 in West Lancashire are being reminded to take control of their sexual health by accessing Lancashire Care’s sexual health services at various locations in the area.

Health chiefs have said that for people who are under 25 looking after their sexual health is extremely important.

Young people can access a range of contraceptive options and testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections (STIs) at sexual health clinics run by Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust’s Contraception and Sexual Health (CaSH) service.

Clinics in West Lancs are held as follows:

Birleywood Health Centre, Skelmersdale on Wednesdays from 1.30 to 4.30pm; and Thursdays 1.30 to 3.30pm (appointments-only).

Hants Lane Clinic, Hants Lane, Ormskirk, on Tuesdays from 5.30 to 7.30pm (appointments and walk-in); and Thursdays 5.30 to 7.30pm (appointments-only).

Anji Stokes, community education lead for the sexual health service, said: “Looking after your sexual health is just as important as looking after other aspects of health and wellbeing. Our services are free, confidential, non-judgemental and run by specialist and experienced sexual health staff.

Anji Stokes community education lead for Lancashire Care’s sexual health service

“Young people in West Lancashire can be confident that they are able to access appropriate care and make choices that are right for them.”

Last year, the trust’s CaSH service was awarded the Lancashire LGBT Quality Mark, a quality assurance programme for service providers that assists in measuring how well the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender service users, volunteers and staff are met.

To contact your local CaSH team, book an appointment or find out about ‘drop-ins,’ call 01772 401140.

Lancashire Fire and Rescue crews based at Skelmersdale, pictured during their visit to their ‘neighbours’ at The Ducklings Day Nursery.

Firefighters drop in on their little nursery neighbours...

FIREFIGHTERS took time out from their usual duties to visit a group of young neighbours.

Officers from Skelmersdale Fire Station in Tanhouse Road popped ‘next door’ to give youngsters at the Ducklings Day Nursery in Daniels Lane an insight into their work.

There was also time for a little bit of fun though as the children were allowed to climb on board the fire engine, wear a fire helmet and sound the siren.

Janet Doyle, from the nursery which takes children from three months to school age, said: “It was a very successful visit and the firefighters were engaged with the children.

“We wanted the children to meet the people who help us in our community.”

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Action group in call for new approach to preventing floods

by Danielle Thompson

Hundreds of Parbold residents were affected by flooding on Boxing Day 2015

RESIDENTS of a West Lancashire village which was badly affected by the Boxing Day 2015 floods are calling for a more co-ordinated approach to making sure there is no repeat.

More than 100 homes and three businesses in Parbold were devastated by the floods which severely affected areas across the borough.

One business left the village as a result of the damage caused, while some residents were unable to return to their homes until 11 months later in November 2016.

Now members of the Parbold Residents Flood Action Group are seeking to work more closely with Lancashire County Council, West Lancashire Borough Council, the Environment Agency, Network Rail and United Utilities on preventative measures to ensure there is no repeat of the problems they faced.

These include improving maintenance to the area's grids and gullies; improving maintenance of the River Douglas; and stopping downpours from Dock Brook/Alder Brook which runs from Parbold Hill with a number of tributaries running down into the village, as this was also a major factor in the flooding.

> "We want to know, how long will it take to put in flood defences that really work and when the work will start? We can't go through this again!"

A spokesperson for the group said: "A lack of maintenance of the River Douglas has caused the river to silt up as banks have fallen in, adding to fallen debris from trees and bushes.

"This river was once navigable in Parbold but not any more, unless of course it floods.

"United Utilities have carried out maintenance work on the outflow pipes from the estate into the river so the flood water can leave the estate in case of another flood and they have assured us that regular maintenance will continue.

"The Environment Agency have also had a survey done on the Parbold stretch of the River Douglas. They have cleared the willow on both sides of the river but there's still work to be done.

"Hopefully they will obtain more funding to clear and maintain the river. However, 15 months after the floods, we want to know, how long will it take to put in flood defences that will really work and when will the work start? We cannot go through this again!"

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Dinner raises £5,000 for Soldiers' Charity

A BLACK tie dinner event held in Aughton raised £5,000 for a national armed forces charity.

More than 100 guests enjoyed a three-course meal at the West Tower in Mill Lane to raise awareness and funds for the Soldiers' Charity, formerly known the Army Benevolent Fund.

The charity gives a lifetime of support to soldiers and veterans from the British Army and their immediate families.

Grants are made to individuals through their regiments and corps and support is given to a wide range of specialist charities that sustain the British Army 'family', both at home and around the world.

Established in 1944, the charity has been working with veterans of every conflict, and aims to support future generations of soldiers and their dependents.

Guests at the event enjoyed welcome drinks on arrival before hearing talks by briefing liaison officer, Jim Duffy and Martin Gibbons MBE who gave an account of the injuries he sustained in combat and how the charity helped him and his family to adapt to a new way of life.

Entertainment was provided by DJ Steve Mitchell and Zanda Magic.

West Tower owner, Paul Bolton, said: "The charity's vision, that 'all soldiers, veterans and their immediate families should have the opportunity to avoid hardship and enjoy independence and dignity' is without doubt a vision that I'm sure we all share."

Right: Pictured at the event are Jim Duffy, West Tower owners, Laura and Paul Bolton, and Martin Gibbons MBE

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Tim O'Connor with some of his miniature fairground rides which featured in the model exhibition at Burscough's Stanley Club.

Tim's fairground attractions raise funds for hospice

A WAGON driver's passion for making models of fairground rides has helped him to raise funds for the hospice which cared for his wife in her final days before she died from cancer.

Report by **Henry James**

Tim O'Connor from Earlswood, Skelmersdale, has been making fairground models - including replica waltzers, ghost trains and a moon rocket - based on rides from the 1950s and 1960s for many years and has exhibited at shows up and down the country.

And the 54-year-old's latest display at the Stanley Club in Burscough raised around £650 for Queenscourt Hospice which cares for patients from throughout West Lancs, Southport and Formby.

The event was sponsored by Silcock's Amusements and Tim's employers, Martland's Skip Hire.

He said: "The exhibition went very well and hopefully we will do it again next year when it will be bigger and better with more exhibitors.

"There were many fairground displays. People came from as far afield as Nottingham and on the day we had tours round the Silcock yard.

"OWLS boat club also turned up and brought their displays and the event was publicised in The World's Fair publication.

"We had 20-odd exhibitors turn up but it was hard to organise as I didn't really know what to expect.

"I was a bit worried about whether people would turn up but in the end it was well supported."

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County constabulary names new deputy chief constable

LANCASHIRE Constabulary has appointed a new deputy chief constable to take over from Andy Rhodes.

Sunita Gamblin, currently a chief superintendent at Derbyshire Constabulary, will take up her new post in June, when Mr Rhodes moves up to become chief constable.

She has worked at Derbyshire Constabulary for 27 years after joining the force as a constable.

Speaking about her appointment, she said: "I'm thrilled and looking forward to working in Lancashire.

"I owe a huge debt of gratitude to many people, but in particular I would like to thank Derbyshire chief constable, Mick Creedon for all his advice and support."

Chief constable-elect, Andy Rhodes commented "Sunita is a highly-experienced and talented officer who will bring a fresh perspective to policing in Lancashire.

Sunita Gamblin

"I'm sure she will be a huge asset and I'm excited about welcoming her to the chief officer team."

And Lancashire's police and crime commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, added: "I am really pleased with the appointment and with the wealth of experience Sunita Gamblin will bring to the role of deputy chief constable.

"I am looking forward to working with Sunita as part of Andy Rhodes' team once he takes up his post as chief constable for Lancashire and I am confident that the constabulary continues to have the quality of leadership necessary to deliver my police and crime plan and to maintain its place as one of the best-performing forces in the country."

The force is also in the process of appointing a new assistant chief constable.

Charity's 'double first' from Edge Hill!

STAFF at a charity are celebrating success in an awards scheme run by Edge Hill University.

Sefton CVS scored a 'double first' in the Ormskirk university's 2017 Employability Awards.

The awards recognise the work-related achievements of students and also the contribution of the employers who provide the work opportunities for them.

TV production undergraduate Shannon Bryan was honoured as the Student Employee of the Year for her work with the CVS-run Sefton Young Advisors, while CVS itself was also recognised in the Student Employer of the Year category.

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Private's name to be added to war memorial following Legion appeal

THE name of Private Sidney Turner, who was killed in action in North Africa during the Second World War is to be added to a local war memorial, following an appeal to West Lancs Council by the Lathom and Burscough branch of the Royal British Legion.

Branch members told the authority that Private Turner was born on June 30, 1915 and lived his early life in Square Lane, Burscough.

In later life, possibly after his parents had died, he lived with his sister Hilda in Ravenscroft Avenue, Ormskirk.

He enlisted in May 1940 in the Kings Own Territorial Army and was on active service in Tunisia, North Africa.

According to official records he was killed in action, on November 28, 1942. He is buried alongside his family at St John the Baptist Church in Burscough.

Under its protocol for war memorials the council has to hold a public consultation when it is suggested a name is added to a war memorial.

Groups and individuals came forward in support of having Private Turner's name on Lathom and Burscough War Memorial. The council listened to their comments and the name will be carved alongside others who lost their lives in the world wars.

John Harrison, West Lancs Council's director of development and regeneration, said: "The council understands it is very important to properly remember the fallen servicemen and women who have given their lives serving their country.

"In doing so we want to make sure that the existing names honoured on our war memorial are correct.

"We are very grateful to all those who took part in the consultation. We have listened to their views and Private Turner's name will now be added to the memorial in the next few months."

Good response to veterans' group's memorabilia plea

Donations flood in for Armed Forces Day event

Report by **Henry James**

MEMBERS of the Skelmersdale Veterans' Association say they have had a good response to their appeal for items from different conflicts.

They plan to use what they have collected to go round the local schools and talk to pupils about the importance of remembrance. They will also display them at their Armed Forces Day event to be held on July 23, 24.

Among the items donated a clock from the First World War, books from Mr and Mrs Birch showing the different regiments at the Battle of Waterloo, and another book with all the medals and decorations of the British Commonwealth of Nations given to the armed forces across the world.

Veterans' association members with some of the items they have collected

Activities

Also featured at the association's Armed Forces Day will be a field gun, a number of different military vehicles, a military pipe band, a fire engine, a climbing wall, a funfair, a dog show and a chance to meet the association members from all three services.

Organisers are also planning more activities for all the family.

Association official, Alan Lewis, said: "We would like to thank the people of Skelmersdale who have donated or who have given to collections at The Concourse and Asda."

Meanwhile, the vicar of St Paul's Church in Church Road, Reverend Chris Spittle, will bless the association's flags in a service at 9.15am on Sunday, May 14 and all are welcome to attend.

Alan Lewis added: "The association would like to thank Hotter Shoes and Skelmersdale Action for Youth (SAY) for sponsoring our colours and our Union Jack flag."

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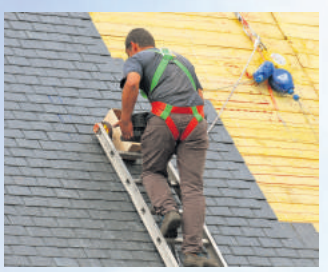

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Edge Hill duo's key role in project to improve quality of life for children with epilepsy

EDGE Hill University researchers are to play an instrumental role in a six-year-long national study which aims to improve quality of life for children with epilepsy.

The Changing Agendas on Sleep, Treatment and Learning in Epilepsy (CASTLE) project will work with children with rolandic epilepsy and their families to research how their learning, sleep, behaviour, self-esteem and mood are impacted by the condition and its treatment.

Benign rolandic epilepsy, also known as benign epilepsy with centrotemporal spikes (BECTS), is an epilepsy syndrome affecting children, characterised by twitching, numbness, or tingling of the child's face or tongue, and may interfere with speech and cause drooling.

Professor Bernie Carter and Dr Lucy Bray at Edge Hill are leading the qualitative and public and patient involvement aspects of the study which weave through all stages of the project.

Professor Carter said: "Standard medical treatment involves using medicines to reduce the seizures the child experiences, but the medicine which has been

Dr Lucy Bray

used for the last 40 years is not 100% effective in stopping seizures, plus it has associated side effects including sleepiness.

"The CASTLE project's clinical trial will test this older medicine (carbamazepine), against a newer drug (levetiracetam) and against no drug treatment. The parents will also access an adapted sleep behavioural intervention for their children. The project ultimately aims to improve treatment and quality of life for children with the condition."

The CASTLE project starts next month and will run until 2023. It is supported by a £2.73m programme grant, funded by the National Institute of Health Research and led by King's College London.

Impact

Edge Hill University researchers will interview children and their families from across the country about their understanding and experiences of the medicines and interventions used in the clinical trial, their perception of the benefits and risks associated with them, and impact of the treatments on their lives.

Dr Bray said: "The idea for this project came directly from parents whose children have epilepsy, and child and parent priorities will be a focus throughout.

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'GREEN-fingered' is not how I would describe myself, but the quality of work done on the public areas of Skelmersdale is depressing.

Here are a few examples:

Tanhouse Road. Several hundred yards of beech hedge along the central reservation given a buzz cut just as the leaves came into bud.

The result? What was a neat thick hedge is now moth-eaten (see picture).

Hillside Health Centre. A national contractor was brought in to mow the grass, but left all the clippings and a load of litter where they fell instead of raking up.

Tanhouse Estates. TAG, the local residents' group, won grants from the Lottery and others to do planting on the estates, but the council's landscaping contractors stopped liaising with TAG.

The result? The contractors destroyed a wild-flower garden with a strimmer and damaged other planting.

I appreciate that public money is tight, but if we are paying for work to be done, surely it should be done well by people who know what they are doing?

Adrian Tayler,
Ennerdale, Skelmersdale

Help us to help dementia sufferers by joining the Keep Me Posted campaign

MAY is the month of the Alzheimer's Society's annual Dementia Awareness Week (May 14-20). The week asks people to unite against dementia by raising awareness and offering help and understanding to those coping with the condition.

Every three minutes someone in the UK develops dementia - the equivalent of 225,000 people a year.

Dementia is a difficult and challenging illness for those suffering and their carers. Caring for someone with dementia is physically and mentally exhausting - in many instances carers are not only responsible for the physical wellbeing of a patient, but also their financial welfare.

For the last four years, we have been working hard to address the growing issue of companies taking away consumers' rights to receive their financial information in the format that is easiest for them - be it text, paper, email or a mixture of all three. We have heard organisations pushing people to receive electronic communication, often without their consent and sometimes even without their knowledge.

People suffering with dementia can struggle to remember the passwords, email addresses and pin codes needed to access online accounts. If a person receives paper statements, a carer can easily give financial guidance and provide support, enabling a sufferer to maintain their independence for longer.

We will continue our fight to ensure that consumers' rights are honoured by companies and we ask your readers to do the same this Dementia Awareness Week. If we let organisations continue to overlook our wishes, it may be too late to get back what we have lost.

Judith Donovan CBE,
chair of the Keep Me Posted campaign

PICTURE of the week

Strong winds led to some spectacular sunsets last week with red skies and clouds shaped like dancing dolphins. Picture by Martyn Snape.

Martyn's Picture of the week makes my day

THE Champion's Martyn Snape never fails to provide a lovely Picture of the week for the letters page.

Whatever the weather, Martyn, manages to get a great picture.

It really makes my day.

Margaret Sloan,
Maghull

Drop us a line

IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?

Letters to the editor should be concise, preferably no more than 350 words, and should include the sender's name, address and contact details, although not necessarily for publication.

The editor reserves the right to edit all items submitted for favour of publication.

Correspondents preferring not to have their name and/or their address published may provide a suitable nom de plume.

Letters can be posted or emailed to the respective addresses listed at the top of this page.

■ PLEASE note: All views and opinions expressed in letters to the editor are solely those of the authors.

Sign up to the 100 in 10 challenge in aid of older people's charity

I AM writing to you and your readers to let you know about a brand new fundraising campaign that Independent Age, the older people's charity, is launching in May 2017.

The 100 in 10 challenge invites participants to cover a total of 100km in 10 weeks in any way they choose.

All donations will go towards the charity's work towards helping older people stay independent for as long as possible.

Participants can take part in the challenge either as an individual or a team, and will help raise funds to support older people to live more independently.

Those who take part can walk, run, swim, cycle or be as creative as they like to reach the '100' target in 10 weeks.

For those who are less athletically inclined, they could even try baking 100 cookies in 10 weeks instead!

Independent Age is an older people's charity that provides regular friendly contact, a strong campaigning voice and free, impartial advice on the issues that matter to older people: care and support, money and benefits, health and mobility.

We hope that people get behind our brand new 100 in 10 fundraising challenge and enjoy taking part.

Every penny raised from this campaign will go towards our advice and friendship services and will help us speak up for those who are lonely, vulnerable or in need of help, so participants really will be making a big difference to the lives of older people.

Everyone in the North West can sign up for the 100 in 10 challenge now at www.independentage.org/100in10.

Janet Morrison,
chief executive of Independent Age

Will council's stickers stop my bin being stolen?

GREEN bins are being stolen from properties in the area.

Due to the charge for green bin collection being introduced from June, I now have to pay £23 for a new bin, then another £30 for collection.

How can the council reassure us that a sticker will stop this?

Does my sticker have my address on it? Would the bin men check?

Sue Hodgkinson, by email

Thanks to graveyard working party for a job well done

ON Tuesday, May 2 I went to the graveyard at Ormskirk Parish Church.

Near to the grave I was tending was a community payback working party. They were all very polite, courteous and hard-working and the result of their labour is clear paths and a tidy place once more.

Many thanks.

Robert Jones, by email

Some of the 120 vehicles which were displayed at last year's inaugural Mawdesley Classic Car and Motorbike Show

Cricket club revved up for second Classic Car Show

OFFICIALS of Mawdesley Cricket Club are revving up in preparation for their second annual Classic Car and Motorbike Show to be held on Bank Holiday Monday (May 29).

And they are hoping to build on the success of last year's initial event which attracted 120-plus classic cars and more than 500 visitors.

This year's show, to be held on the club's playing fields at School Lane, is being sponsored by Armitstead Barnett Financial Services, with Lancaster Insurance providing the main trophy for the best in show as voted for by the public.

Classic cars of all ages will be invited to take part, from veteran and vintage up to and including modern marvels, replicas, supercars, and kit cars.

Ben Ward from Mawdesley Cricket Club said: "If you have something of interest to show why not come along for what will be a great day for all motoring enthusiasts?"

The event will start in the morning with a 20-mile run through the local countryside around Mawdesley and surrounding villages to visit local places of interest.

All cars entering the run will receive a Rally Plaque to attach to their cars. Vehicles taking part in the run will be asked to register with the officials at the ground on School Lane any time from 9.30am to 10.30am to receive their directions so as to complete the run, which will take about 60 minutes including stops, and be back before the show opens.

The car show itself will start at noon with cars asked to arrive and register by 11.45am at the latest. There will be five categories this year – pre-1950; 1950s & 60s; 1970s & 80s; 1990s and later; plus a new category this year for 'Active Classics' which can include any classic car that is used on a regular basis and not just kept in the garage and polished up for shows.

Owners will be able to register on arrival on the day for the category they would like to enter their car into.

Judging will take place from 12.30pm onwards and winners in a variety of categories will be announced from 3pm, with class winners being invited to park up at the front of the show marquee for the public attending to vote to determine which car is the people's choice 'Best in Show'.

Refreshments will be available, including a cake stall, a café selling snacks and hot drinks, a beer and wine bar, barbecue and pies stand.

The Car Show is free to enter but space is limited and places can only be guaranteed to the first 120 cars that arrive on the day. There will be a £10 charge to those wishing to enter the run to cover the costs of providing rally plaques.

Entry for visitors to the show is £3 for adults and £1 for under-16s. All those arriving in a classic car, including passengers, will be given free entry.

To enter the village run, visit mawdesley.play-cricket.com or for more information, call the event's organiser, Martin, on 01704 821023.

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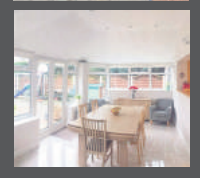

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Cancer charity's tea party fundraiser plea

CANCER charity Marie Curie is calling on the people of West Lancashire to hold a Blooming Great Tea Party from Friday to Sunday, June 23 to 25.

The charity is encouraging people to get together with friends, family or colleagues to host a tea party, bake sale or special tea break to raise funds to help Marie Curie provide vital care and support for people living with a terminal illness and their families.

Community fundraiser, Sophie Yates, said: "Holding a Blooming Great Tea Party really is a piece of cake. You can make everything yourself or pop to the shops for some tasty treats. As long as you price each slice or put a donation box by the front door you'll be sure to raise funds to help Marie Curie support people when they need it most."

To find out more and receive your free fundraising pack, call 0800 716 146 or go to the website www.mariecurie.org.uk/teaparty.

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Nun gives thanks for response to Easter appeal for orphanage

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A NUN from Parbold has thanked Champion readers for their donations following her latest appeal on behalf of orphaned children in Africa.

Sister Margaret Rose first went out to the Democratic Republic of Congo 16 years ago to help launch The Gorsilaure Project which takes in destitute children and gives them a home and schooling up to university level.

Run by Father Simon Lumbela at the Gorsilaure Children's Village in Qinsantu, Bas-Congo, the project also has a hospital with maternity and surgical units, as well as overseeing farming, food production and manufacturing schemes.

Although she returned to the UK after three years, 73-year-old Sister Margaret Rose, a member of Sister of Notre Dame congregation in Parbold, has continued to work for the project seeking to raise its profile in this country.

'Grateful'

Following an appeal in the Champion in December enough funds were raised to buy food for the project, including a special Christmas Day meal.

And Sister Margaret Rose made a second appeal for help in the run-up to Easter Sunday.

She said: "We are very grateful to the compassionate readers of the Champion for their help.

"My prayer is that many will set up standing orders with their banks so that a steady income can be sent to Gorsilaure in order to allow the life-saving initiatives that the project has initiated to continue.

"Of course, occasional and one-off donations are also very important. I extend my heartfelt thanks to the readers of the Champion who are already supporting the Gorsilaure Project and I am praying ardently that many others will be inspired to join them."

To donate, contact the project's finance officer Peter on 01383 822540 or 07963 606 677.

Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Liz Savage pictured during her bucket collection at Morrisons store in Ormskirk with staff members, Jane and Patricia.

Mayor goes 'shopping' for donations to her causes!

MAYOR of West Lancs, Councillor Liz Savage joined members of her charity committee to hold a bucket collection for her chosen good causes at the Morrison stores in, Park Road, Ormskirk.

During her term of office Cllr. Savage has been working with Mayor's Charity Committee to raise money for four charities - Ormskirk Hospital neonatal unit; the Artz Centre, Birch Green; The Civic in Ormskirk; and the Birchwood Centre in Skelmersdale.

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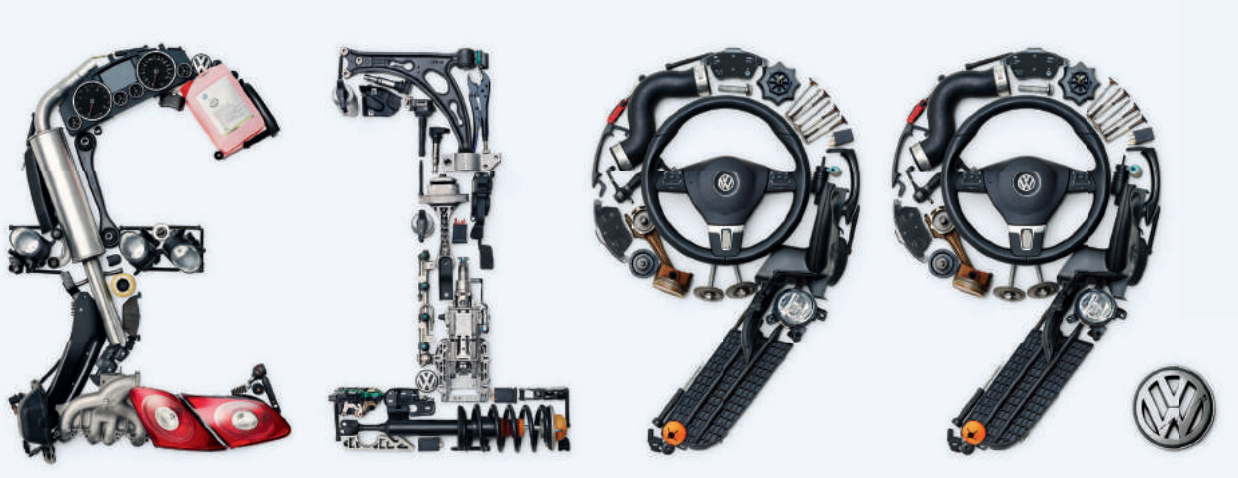

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talk zone Get advice and support

Borough's young people reminded - it's good to talk!

County council advice service on hand to offer guidance

STUDENTS in the borough who are currently studying for their A-level or GCSE exams are reminded that help, support and guidance is available from Talkzone, Lancashire County Council's advice service.

Young people aged from 12 to 19 can access the service by telephone, text, webtalk, email or Facebook. It is also available for young people up to the age of 25 with a disability.

Formerly known as The Line, Talkzone is available from 2 to 10pm each day, including weekends and bank holidays.

Gaja Gannon, the county council's specialist support officer, said: "I appreciate that this can be a very stressful time for young people. They may be feeling the pressure of exams approaching and revision still to do.

"Through Talkzone, young people can speak with trained advisors in confidence and chat through their worries about exams, or about anything else that is worrying them. Staff are able to talk about a wide range of issues which young people tell us they really appreciate, including feeling stressed.

"I'd encourage any young person who is getting ready to take exams at the moment and is worried about them to contact Talkzone and chat their concerns through.

"Since it was set up 23 years ago, Talkzone advisors have responded to thousands of enquiries from young people on a huge range of issues.

"Whether the issue is large or small, Talkzone is available to help, so don't be afraid to call, text or contact us online."

The service is open from 2pm to 10pm, every day of the year. Young people are welcome to ring on 0800 511111, text on 07786 511111, email talkzone@lancashire.gov.uk or visit www.facebook.com/LancashireYZ to talk about any issues that concern them.

More information about Talkzone and other young people's issues is available at www.lancashire.gov.uk/yps.

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Local hospitals to host events to celebrate International Nurses Day

NURSES in West Lancashire and Sefton are being recognised as part of International Nurses Day on Friday (May 12).

The global annual celebration, the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birthday, recognises the tireless work and dedication of nurses in primary care, hospital, community and home care settings.

From Monday (May 8) both the NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and neighbouring NHS Southport and Formby CCG and NHS South Sefton CCG will be sharing their stories across social media using the national awareness day hashtag #nurseheroes.

Each day, a different nurse, from a different care setting, will share their motivations and passion for their roles.

Pippa Rose, a practice nurse lead at NHS South Sefton CCG and NHS Southport and Formby CCG, is celebrating 35 years of service as a nurse in 2017.

She said: "I first considered nursing as a career choice after my mum was very ill at home and I remember looking out of the window waiting for an ambulance to arrive. There was nothing I could do other than wait, and I think this planted the seed that I could learn what to do, so as not to be in the same situation again.

Practice nurse lead, Pippa Rose

"35 years later I am still proud to call myself a nurse. Things have obviously evolved over those years with the advances in medical knowledge and IT communications but the art of nursing has not changed and people still need to feel cared for and supported.

"I feel rewarded each day when I go home and feel that I've made a difference to patients and colleagues lives."

The celebrations culminate on Friday (May 12) with two events at both Southport and Ormskirk Hospital sites. These will be held in the spinal gym at Southport Hospital and the restaurant at Ormskirk Hospital from 11am to 3pm and are open to all student and qualified nurses (on production of ID) from primary care, community and home care settings.

'Crucial role'

On the day, there will be a range of information stands and activities, including lifestyle, well-being and fitness, complementary therapies, and a raffle courtesy of Beales department store, with a recruitment team also on hand to offer advice and information on current nursing opportunities for anybody looking to get into the profession.

Claire Heneghan, chief nurse at NHS West Lancashire CCG, said: "The work of my fellow nurses cannot be overlooked, from across the health care setting, be it working in hospital, a GP practice, walk-in centre or offering care within a home care setting. Nurses offer a crucial role for people, in times of need.

"It is great to see our nurses being celebrated across the week in this way and hopefully our #nurseheroes across social media will help to motivate and inspire our next generation of nurses to come through.

"I hope that as many nurses as possible are able to take some time out of their very busy days on May 12 to come down to either Ormskirk or Southport Hospital to receive some well-deserved pampering and attention."

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College football squad clinch debut season title triumph

PLAYERS and officials of the West Lancashire College football team are celebrating an incredible debut season after clinching the North West College League title with a game to spare.

After a decidedly rocky start with nowhere to train, no coach and no kit, they have completed a remarkable turn-around thanks to community support from JMO, kit sponsorship from Blackburn Rovers Community Trust and a supporting team of staff volunteers.

Competing against colleges from across the region, including Accrington, Bolton, Ormskirk 6th Form and Manchester Academy, they were unbeaten with seven wins and two hard-fought draws.

Manager, Mark Parkinson,said: "The squad is a mixture of first and second-year students from a diverse range of curriculum areas.

"The lads have done a great job showing an amazing commitment to both the team and their studies."

And coach, Jake Ball, added: "They have been a pleasure to coach and we hope to continue this success next season with new and returning students."

The team will now play a celebratory match against Blackburn Rovers Scholars on Wednesday, May 24 playing at Rovers' Ewood Park ground.

Rebecca Connick, West Lancs College Sports Enrichment co-ordinator said: "The college is dedicated to improving students' mental and physical well-being through sport. These lads are a credit to the college and they will be back next season to retain the title.

"We are extremely proud of what the team have achieved and will be backing them to make it two years running next year!"

Champions! The West Lancashire College Football Team

Don't miss out on tax break

Call to update wills following change to inheritance rules

by **Henry James**

A WEST Lancs-based solicitor is warning residents in the borough that new rules regarding inheritance tax, introduced in April, could mean that many people and their estates miss out on a new tax break if they don't update their wills.

Michael Prendergast

From April 6, a residential nil rate band has been introduced in addition to the usual £325,000 inheritance tax allowance. The new allowance increases gradually so that by April 2020, a couple can leave up to £1million without having to pay inheritance tax.

However, many people who drew up their wills prior to 2007, when the last major changes to inheritance tax were introduced, may have incorporated discretionary trusts within them as this was standard practice at the time to ensure proper use of the available allowances.

But the new allowances are only available if the will states that 'direct descendants' inherit, which may not be the case with a discretionary trust.

Michael Prendergast of Dickinson Parker Hill Solicitors in Ormskirk, said: "Many wills are likely to have been drafted that use discretionary trusts as this was the right and proper thing to do at the time.

"However, the introduction of the new residential nil rate band means that those wills need to be reviewed to ensure they are up to date and can take advantage of the new allowance.

"Wills need to be regularly reviewed and changes may now need to be made as a result of the new allowance being introduced."

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Health care student receives 'royal' recognition

AN Edge Hill student has been recognised by the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) for his work on the healthcare experiences of disabled children.

Greg Cigan, a PhD student in the Ormskirk University's faculty of health and social care, was presented with an award by RCN for his research into the effect of clinical procedures on children and young people with intellectual disabilities.

He interviewed children aged six to 15 and their parents about their experiences of procedures such as blood tests, x-rays and surgery.

Greg will now evaluate this information to make recommendations for healthcare professionals on how they can improve the experience for children with intellectual disabilities.

He said: "I used symbol cards in some interviews which allowed me to gain the views and feelings of those children and young people who had difficulty communicating verbally. What was really interesting was that some of the children's responses were not what their parents were expecting.

"Little things like the smell of creams or the sounds within a hospital can make a big difference to the way these children experienced healthcare procedures.

"Some parents had to hold their child still for the procedure to be completed and some of the children and young people could clearly remember being held and disliked this happening.

"Parents said that they try to prepare themselves for what will happen during a procedure but ultimately they still find waiting for the procedure and having to hold their child to be challenging and upsetting."

Greg will now present his work at an international conference organised by the RCN.

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Scout chief Becca appoints deputy to help develop leadership skills

THE first District Youth Commissioner for Scouting in West Lancashire has appointed a new deputy to help her to improve young members' decision-making and leadership skills.

Twenty-one-year-old Becca Webster became commissioner a year ago and since then numbers of Scouts in Ormskirk has increased.

This has led to the creation of a Deputy District Youth Commissioner's role which will be filled by Izzy Howarth from the 29th Burscough Scout Group.

District Youth Commissioner for Scouting, Becca Webster (left) with new deputy, Izzy Howarth

Becca said: "There has been a new focus on ensuring that young people are given greater opportunities to share their views and ideas to enable them to shape their Scouting experience.

"More and more young people are taking the lead in their Scouting. More Young Leaders aged 14 to 18 are completing their leadership training and working towards their top awards and young people are being asked for their programme ideas and getting involved with planning and leading events across the district.

"During the last year, there has been a renewed focus on involving young people in decisions and leadership. There are now eight district young leaders aged 14-18 who are forming part of district teams and district forums for each section, ensuring young people aged 6-25 share their ideas at a district level.

"Izzy has been appointed as Deputy District Youth Commissioner which will enable Scouting in Ormskirk to offer more and more opportunities for young people to feel valued and empowered."

Band's church date

THERE is a treat in store for lovers of brass band music on Saturday, May 13.

Eccleston Brass Band are performing a concert at Christ Church in Back Lane, Newburgh starting at 7.30pm.

Tickets for the concert cost £10 and can be bought by calling 01257 462629.

Charity seeks new trustees

A COUNTY-wide charity for older people is looking to recruit new trustees.

Lancashire Age UK wants enthusiastic, motivated professionals to join its board of trustees. A meet-and-greet information event is being held at the Wellbeing Centre, Moorgate, Ormskirk on Monday, May 15 from 5.30 to 7pm. This is a chance for would-be trustees to meet the current executive team and trustees. For more information, call 01257 479013, email sbailey@ageuk-lancs.org.uk or visit the website at www. ageuklancs.org.uk.

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Going up... the Tarleton RUFC squad celebrate their memorable championship success and elevation to the Lancashire and Cumbria League

Rugby club's young stars on the rise after crowning glory!

THE 2016/2017 season might have been one of doom and gloom on the local football scene with Southport, Skelmersdale and Burscough all relegated, but one local sporting outfit have enjoyed their best-ever campaign.

Tarleton RUFC have been crowned champions of the Lancashire North division after winning all but one of their league games.

In a memorable season - the best in the Carr Lane club's history - they also came within a game of reaching a national cup final at Twickenham.

And they signed off by beating Orrell 17-14 in their last match before being presented with the league trophy.

Club chairman, Hugh Paterson, said: "We are extremely proud of our young squad and what they have achieved this season. They have put in a lot of hard work over the last two seasons and fully deserve the reward of the league championship.

Progressive

"The club has come a long way in a relatively short time, due in no small measure to all the hard work and time invested by our volunteers on and off the field."

Tarleton now step up to the RFU's Lancashire and Cumbria League next season.

Meanwhile the club's second team also ended their season on a winning note, beating Chorley Ist XV 29-12 to finish third in the North West Intermediate League North 3.

Mr Paterson added: "Our senior squad is comprised of young, home-grown players developed from our progressive coaching structure. Many of them started their rugby as seven-year-olds in the club's mini section.

"Much of the credit for the teams' success this season must go to our head coach Steve Gough, who combines his position at Tarleton with Myerscough College Rugby Academy and the Sale Sharks Academy."

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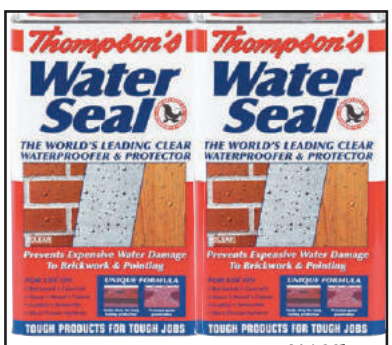

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BACK from my sojourn on my cruiser *Manxman* in Norfolk and Suffolk, I am not going to treat you to a 'my holiday' treatise, except, that is, for the episode where my lovely boat came nearest it has ever been to doing a Titanic and sinking!

Obviously it wasn't a collision with an iceberg - though the weather was somewhat chilly for late April - but with a sodden (if you thought this a fortunate misprint, ok) log being carried down at speed by the tide as I was coming slowly to a mooring.

Whatever you called it, this object was obviously extremely heavy, and caused a seam to open up in her wooden hull, allowing copious amounts of water to fill the bilges.

Happily, wood being wood, within 24 hours the damage had all but been mended - try that with a fibreglass hull! Still, all's well that ends well, so that's enough of that.

No, what my holiday cruise did bring to mind was money. What money, either the need or greed for it and the effect of lack of it, has done to spoil our enjoyment of so many things.

I had my first holiday on the Broads back in 1962, a different world altogether. But back then, and indeed for many years afterwards, one of the joys of this holiday was the ability to moor your boat, for free, just about anywhere.

Just as when I first started driving a few years later, there never seemed to be a lack of free (that's the word) parking spaces to be found wherever you went.

Over the years of course all kinds of things have changed, slowly enough so you usually don't realise what is happening from year to year.

I can't remember now what the present Broads Authority was called back in those early years (I think it was River Commissioners or something similar), but over time those in charge very sensibly either bought or rented lengths of river bank, using the money collected from annual tolls from folk such as I and of course the hire-cruiser fraternity.

They created free - if now rather less bucolic - moorings at places throughout Broadland. And for many years there were pub moorings and simply suitable river banks where you could tie up free of charge.

But over the past few years this picture has changed dramatically. Pub moorings often became something like £5 a night, with this knocked off your bill if you patronised the place.

That seemed fair enough, you don't want your mooring - or car park for that matter - to be full of folk sitting about and eating and drinking their own stuff.

Curtailed

But this is changing. Most charge for mooring overnight whether or not you buy a meal. Now that, to me, is the same as if you were charged for using the car park when you visited the establishment for an evening out. Even that might yet happen of course.

Far worse, many landowners have refused to renew the lease of their moorings to the Broads Authority and have taken to either using the land for development or simply retaining the mooring but hopefully collecting a fee from those who moor there.

Now you might think this fair, but remember that these moorings have been given new quay-headings and proper footpaths by the Broads Authority using my money - and now I am being asked to pay twice!

I really don't think I'm just being a Grumpy Old Man about this. I generally welcomed the improvements the Broads Authority made to the moorings, even though they did lose some of their rural charm in favour of safety.

But just look at other aspects of life today compared to a decade or more back. Wherever you try to go your freedom is curtailed by someone trying to make money out of what used to be a free enjoyment.

Whatever happened to the 'joy of the open road', another thing I can just about remember? A bit like the Broads, I remember when the M6 and M1 motorways opened. Folk went for a day out just to drive on them without let or hindrance - remember that the 70mph limit was supposed to have been introduced as a temporary experiment.

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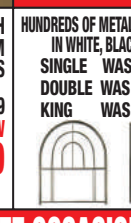

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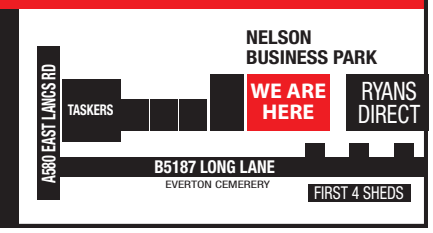

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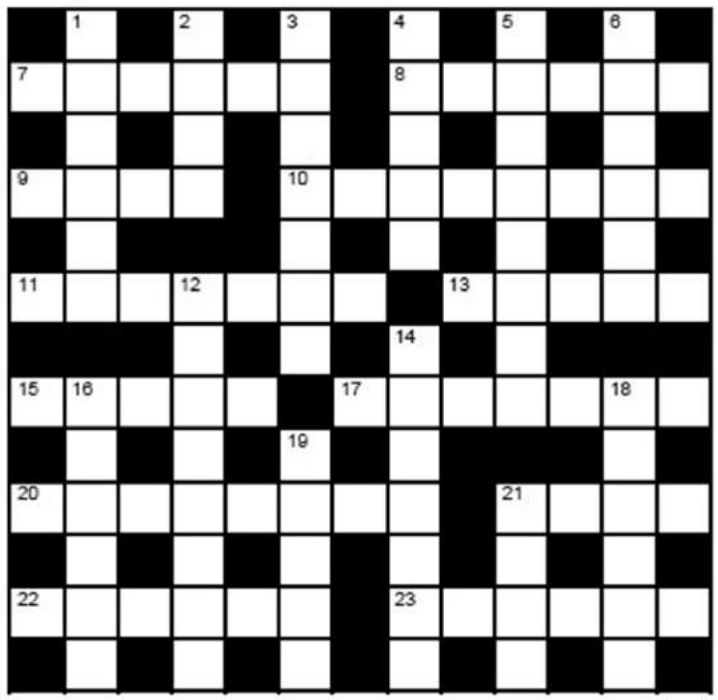

Last week's solutions:

Across: 7. Bemuse. 8. Apogee. 9. Keen. 10. Likeable. 11. Octopus. 13. Eclat. 15. Jiffy. 16. Castles. 18. Scorpion. 19. Oust. 21. Mainly. 22. Hairdo.

Down: 1. Cede. 2. Burnt offering. 3. Zealous. 4. Lanky. 5. Roman Catholic. 6. Cellmate. 12. Chit-chat. 14. Paunchy. 17. Libya. 20. Side.

ACROSS

7. Freedom to move, latitude (6)
8. Expression from the French meaning served with milk (2, 4)
9. Surf, froth (4)
10. Outer garment with two legs worn from the waist to the ankles (8)
11. Ugly object or building (7)
13. Relating to the nose (5)
15. Horizontal surface projecting from a wall and used for storage (5)
17. Pedal-powered two-wheeled vehicle (7)
20. Said to someone who has sneezed (5, 3)
21. Skin condition prevalent in adolescents (4)
22. An individual fact or item (6)
23. In a strange and frightening manner (6)

DOWN

1. Reminiscence (6)
2. Propel the body through water by using limbs (4)
3. Puzzle, enigma (7)
4. Fabric made from regenerated cellulose (5)
5. Alphabetical list defining specialist terms usually found at the back of a book (8)
6. Car model built by Ford Europe from 1982 to 1993 (6)
12. Person employed to sell or promote goods (8)
14. Small stream of water (7)
16. Assistant, aide (6)
18. Solitary (6)
19. Series of events regularly repeated in the same order (5)
21. Area of land equal to 4,840 square yards (4)

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Champion ENTERTAINMENT

Musical star is returning to city he has 'affection' for

By Henry James

THE actor who plays Billy Elliot's brother, Tony, in the show which is opening at the Liverpool Empire tonight (Wednesday) has said the touring musical is no different to the West End production.

Scott Garnham, who is an experienced West End performer and has appeared in Les Misérables, I Can't Sing and Made In Dagenham on the London stage, can be seen in the show which will be at the Liverpool Empire until Saturday, May 27.

Billy Elliot is based in a northern mining town at the time of the 1984 – 85 miners' strike. It follows Billy as he moves out of the boxing ring and to ballet classes.

Scott said: "The show we are touring and bringing to Liverpool is no different to the West End production. It is a huge spectacle of a show. It is a touring company of about 100 people.

"In my opinion it is one of the greatest musicals that there has ever been. The songs are fantastic and the dancing is amazing. The story is so beautifully told and it is rooted in truth which always helps. I think people can relate to it in some way.

"No matter if you remember the miner's strike or not, people have gone through some adversity in their lives.

"We are lucky because the original creators of the movie also created the musical."

In the show Tony is one of the coal miners out on strike, and Scott commented: "Tony is Billy's older brother in the show. The production includes two stories. The first is about Billy who leaves his town to become a ballet dancer and the other is about the miner's strike and my story is rooted very much in that.

"I feel that he is a champion of the strike and he generally believes the miners are going to win. However his hopes slowly unravel around him.

"He loves Billy but the prospect of him going to become a ballet dancer in 1984 from a little mining community in the North East is equivalent to him saying I am an alien. He loves Billy, but he handles the situation badly."

Billy Elliot the Musical has now been seen by nearly 11 million people and played at London's West End's Victoria Palace Theatre for more than 10 years.

Scott tried to explain the success of Billy Elliot: "There are so many musicals that close as quickly as they open and I think no one knows what the magical element is. I think Billy Elliot has a universal story. One minute you are laughing and the next minute you are crying. The show has amazing ensemble members and brilliant leading cast members."

Adam Abbou as Billy Elliot and Scott Garnham as Tony. Photo by Alastair Muir

Last time Scott was at the Liverpool Empire he was in the Take That musical Never Forget and he is looking forward to return to the city. He added: "Liverpool audiences are so responsive. They are always up for a good time. They let you know they have enjoyed the show. I have always had a great affection for the city."

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Saturday 26th

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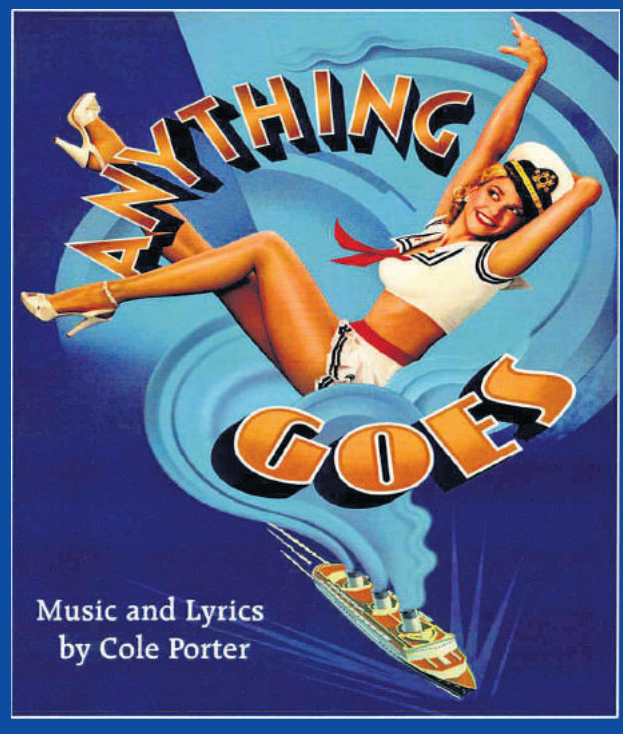

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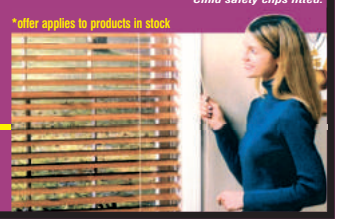

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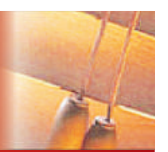

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ELECTRIC TABLE lamp blue globe of the world, 12" circumference, as new. £10 07821417560/ 07855222552

SOLID WOOD tall round unit - H46" diameter 11", has 6 small drawers for CD/Nik-Naks, or similar, Space to display ornament on top of it. Ex con. £80 07821417560/0 7855222552

2 PALE peach matching table lampshades, panelled, with tassle trim (H12"), VGC, expensive when purchased, asking £18 each. 07821417560/ 07855222552

SMALL OIL PAINTING (13.5"x11.5") of country cottage with waterwheel on riverbank, mahogany frame/gold gilt edging. £5 07855222552/ 07821417560

BEIGE SILK LOUNGE CURTAINS (66" x 66") self colour but have a classic design embroidered in silk from debenhams southport immaculate condition bought for £400 will take £150 07821417560/07855222552

OBLONG WALL mirror (52"x17"), mahogany wooden frame, with carved edging, gold gilt inlay. Ex con. £30 07821417560/ 07855222552

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2 SEATER sofa in terracotta with removable washable cushions. Sale due to house move bargain £40 01704 875299

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LARGE MIRROR with wood surround W41"xH29" ideal for over a fireplace. Beautiful condition sale due to downsizing £50 ono 01704 875299

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SINGLE BED Sturdy silver metal framed with mattress hardly used in a guest room £15 07882929551

FLAT SCREEN 32 inch emotion make wall mountable television full working order £20 07882929551

MISC

INTERNAL DOOR moulded internal door 27ins x 77ins £10 01704 532648

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MOTHER AND BABY

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(BOUNDARY MEANYGATE, HESKETH BANK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Boundary Meanygate, Hesketh Bank from its junction with Boundary Lane (Becconsall) to its junction with Boundary lane (Hundred End).
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0830 hours on Monday 22nd May 2017 until 1700 hours on Sunday 13th August 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Boundary Meanygate – Boundary Lane – Moss Lane – Taylors Meanygate – Boundary Lane (Hundred End) – Boundary Meanygate and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow utilities works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/7256/WH]

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2017/0416/FUL Demolition of existing buildings on site and erection of 66 residential dwellings with associated car parking, landscaping and vehicular and pedestrian access off Briars Lane at 5 Briars Lane, Burscough.

This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2017/0418/FUL Install replacement windows and doors to property at 7 The Brow, Hesketh Bank.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development

In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Director of Development and Regeneration
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

DORRIAN AMY

Family of Amy would like to thank family and friends that attended the funeral at St James, Westhead, on 3rd May.

Also, the Reverend John Sephton and church members for their beautiful service.

Also Hunters Funeral Services for their very caring and professional arrangements.

KENYON DAVID JAMES

Pauline and the family of David would like to express their most sincere thanks and appreciation for all the very kind messages of prayers and sympathy from friends and neighbours. Special thanks to David's care at home and in Southport hospital. Also to Reverend John Sephton and all at Lathom Park Chapel for their loving support. Many thanks to Lisa Hunter and her team at MLS Burscough for their very caring guidance.

WATERWORTH EDWARD

The family of the late Edward Waterworth would like to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many messages of condolence, cards and donations for the Marina Dalglish Appeal received during their recent sad loss of a much loved Husband, Dad and Grandad. Special thanks to Rev. Paul Robinson for his kind ministrations and to Sally Hunter and Team at MLS Independent Funeral Directors for their help and dignified funeral arrangements.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

EDWARDS CAROLE

The family of the late Carole Edwards would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all relatives and friends for all their kindness and expressions of sympathy at this very sad time.

PRAYERS

TO THANK

Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Bernadette, Saint Anthony, Saint Jude, Saint Martin and the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
To thank you for all your help.
More prayers needed.
[C.S.]

IN MEMORIAM

CRITCHLEY PHIL

10th May 2016

Of all the many blessings, however great or small, to have you for a brother, was the greatest one of all.
The family chain is broken now, and nothing seems the same but as God takes us one by one, the chain will link again.

Missing you every day Phil.
From your loving family
xxxxx

DORAN SHEILA

Still missing you
9th May 2010

Remembering you is easy we do it everyday it's just the pain of losing you that never goes away love Bill, Ste,Jane,Jema&Ella

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DIFONZO RAFFAELE GIUSEPPE (RAFFY)

12th May 2016

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Missed every day.
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Forever in our hearts.

Your loving Wife Beryl, Daughters Alison & Angela, family and friends.

MARSH ROBERT

13th May

It's now 50 years since our wonderful Brother Robert was tragically killed in an accident in Australia, when he was 24 years of age. The lives of all who knew him were enriched by his example. He was a devoted son and loyal friend and will never be forgotten.
Before emigrating to Australia in 1965, Robert lived at the Fox and Goose Inn Skelmersdale with his parents May and Jim.
From his family and friends

O'NEILL ANTHONY

13th May 2011

6 years has passed.
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Sadly missed.

Your loving Mum and family
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MARSH ROBERT

Born 31st May 1942
Died 13th May 1967

One of the Best that's what you were, but God needed you elsewhere. HE called on You this day 50 years ago, the reason we shall never know. But till the day we meet again, You are still remembered as the Best Friend of Tom Whalley, Les Fairclough, Jack Wilson, Les Cannel (Aust.)

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DEATHS

STARR BRIAN JOSEPH

Passed away peacefully on 30th April 2017 aged 73 years of Aughton formerly of Liverpool

Dearly Loved Husband of Frances. Much Loved Dad of Stephen and Paul. Loving Grandad of Lauren, Thomas and Millie and Devoted Great Grandad of Charlie and Freddie. Funeral Service at St. Annes R.C Church Ormskirk on Friday 12th May 2017 at 11.15 am followed by committal at West Lancs Crematorium Family flowers only please by request, but donations are being gratefully received for I.C.U Broadgreen Unit. Donations and further enquires please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton Tele. 01695 424888

CHIPPENDALE JENNY

On 28th April 2017 Peacefully in hospital after a short illness Aged 69 years.

Loving Wife of the late Gary, devoted Mum of Jane, Lin and Kate, cherished Nan and Great Nan of all her Grandchildren. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service will take place at St Pauls Church on Friday 12th May at 10.15am followed by committal at St Helens Crematorium. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for Queenscourt Hospice. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel: 01695 559868.

MADELEY ALAN

3rd May 2017 Peacefully at his home in Skelmersdale, aged 60 years

He will be sadly missed by his Daughters Louisa and Eleanor and all his family and friends.

All enquiries to Melanie Hardman of H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel 01695 722122/720012.

DAWSON MARY M (PEGGY)

4th May 2017 Passed away peacefully in hospital, aged 96 years

Dearly loved Mother-in-law of Joyce, Step-mum to Bob and Anne, and Nana to Christine, Colin, John and their families. Sorely missed by sister Nancy. The Funeral Service will take place at Burscough Methodist Church on Friday 12th May 2017 at 10.00am followed by Committal at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough at 10.45am. Family flowers only by request please, but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Burscough Methodist Church. All enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeralcare, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU Tel 01704 897770.

BIRCH AUDREY

5th May 2017 Aged 91 years

Died peacefully at Southport Hospital. Dearly loved Sister of Clarice and the Late Hilda. Audrey will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 17th May at 10:40am. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Guide Dogs for the Blind. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086

RIMMER AGNES JOSEPHINE

April 29th 2017 Peacefully aged 102 years at Southview Lodge Care Home Hesketh Bank

Where she had spent her last three months and was wonderfully cared for, Dearly Loved Wife of the late William (Billy). Devoted Mother of the late Edith Davies and Mother-In-Law of the late Harry Davies. Agnes had a wonderful life which she lived to the full, she was very much loved and will be greatly, missed by her many Neices and Nephews. Funeral Service will take place at 1pm on Monday May 15th at St Helens Church Sefton followed by Cremation at Thornton Crematorium at 2pm. Family flowers only please but if desired donations to St Helens Church. c/o Leslie Humpreys, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby, L23 5SE Tel: 0151 924 4805

SHEEHAN JACK

3rd May 2017 Aged 89 years

Beloved Husband of Maureen, Dad to Philip, Christopher and John. Grandad of Nichola, Mark, Philip, Jasmine and Jack and Great-Grandad to Joshua. Sadly missed by all. Funeral Service will take place on Thursday 11th May at West Lancashire Crematorium at 12:15pm. All enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors, 128B Burscough Street, Ormskirk, L39 2EY Tel: 01695 572997

MELLOR DR. MOIRA SUTHERLAND

Passed away peacefully On 6th May 2017 surrounded by all her loving family Aged 83 years of Aughton, formerly of Aberdeen

Dearly loved and devoted Wife of Bill, much loved Mother of Ann, Catriona, Janet and Neil and cherished Vivacious Granny to all her 11 Grandchildren. Funeral Service at West Lancs Crematorium on Friday 19th May 2017 at 11.30am. Family flowers only by request, but donations if so desired for The Stroke Association. Donations and further enquiries please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton. Tele. 01695 424888.

HOLBERT ARTHUR GEORGE

7th May 2017 Passed away peacefully in hospital Aged 80 years of Burscough

Much loved Dad of Richard & Susan and dearly loved Grandad of Thomas & Edward. For funeral arrangements and any further enquiries please contact Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 22A Liverpool Road North, Burscough L40 5TP. Tele: 01704 891555.

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HOWARD ILSE

4th May 2017 Peacefully in hospital aged 90 years

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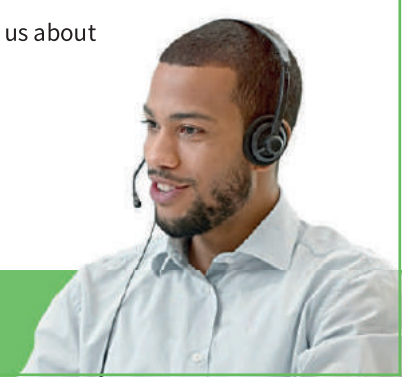

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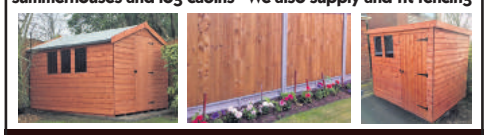
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I DON'T know if the car world has a Grim Reaper – I imagine he'd look a bit like The Stig in some black robes – but he must be rubbing his hands with glee at the moment.

Not long ago I wrote about the death knell being sounded for Skoda's Yeti, but now an entire automotive species is facing extinction; the fun, affordable coupé. Rumour has it that once Volkswagen's Scirocco is put out to pasture, it won't be replaced. Which for a fan of small two-doors is a big deal, because it's pretty much the only one left.

Cast your mind back to the days when Tony Blair was eyeing up Number Ten and you were spoilt for choice if you had roughly £20,000 and a generous fleet manager prepared to offer you something sleeker than a Mondeo. Ford had the trendy Puma, and was in the process of replacing the Probe with the Cougar. Smile at a Vauxhall salesman and he'd rustle up a Tigra or Calibra, and that's before we get to all the sleek two-doors Peugeot, Fiat, Honda, Toyota and just about everyone else had to offer. There were 20 different coupés on offer, and they were all exciting in their own way.

But now there's the Scirocco, and that's about it. Sure, there are a couple of three-door hatchbacks flaunting the c-word on their bootlids – and they're coupés in name only, really – but nowadays you have to venture more upmarket before you arrive at the Toyota GT86, Ford Mustang and BMW 4-series. Hardly the sort of affordable offerings that give Mr Family Man hope.

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Perhaps we should persuade Theresa May and Jeremy Corbyn that as part of their election pledges there should be state-funded grants for people prepared to brighten up the landscape with two-door coupés. Alternatively, just buy a Volkswagen Scirocco while you still can.

The VW Scirocco is now part of a dying breed of car

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63	Vauxhall Insignia 2.0 Cdti Sri Estate, 1 Owner,Fsh,Alloys,Air Con, In Black.	£8495	£36.04
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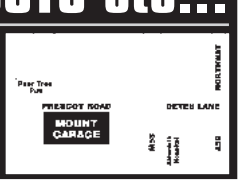

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Upturn in form needed as Maghull seek first win

MAGHULL are still without a win in the Liverpool Gin Liverpool Competition Second Division after they were well beaten by Liverpool at Aigburth on Saturday.

Skipper Paul Walters incorrectly called again at the toss and was invited to bat.

Last week's hero, Liam Crilly, ran out of luck this week when he was bowled off an inside edge for just one run, he was quickly followed by Macauley Lawrenson with the score on 12.

The captain quickly followed, leg before, and when Jon Ring was bowled for 15 by former Maghull all-rounder Chris Tonge, Maghull were in deep trouble at 39-4.

A 58-run partnership between Greg Gillespie (30) and Joe Campbell (33) rallied Maghull's fortunes before both were caught at the wicket off the bowling of Clein.

A late middle order collapse saw Maghull slump to 117-8 before Liam Johnson (12 not out) and Paul McKenna, added 24 for the ninth wicket.

When McKenna was ninth out, caught at mid-wicket, Liam Gibbons quickly followed as Maghull were bowled out for 144 in the 54th over.

Liverpool made easy work of overhauling Maghull's total. Declan Devine and Liam Johnson picked up early wickets but Mahambrey (52) and Charlton (51 not out) added 79 for the third wicket.

Liverpool reached their target with ease with more than 18 overs remaining losing 3 wickets.

On Saturday Maghull face newly-promoted Prescot and Odyssey, who are also looking for their first win in the league this season, at Old Hall Field.

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Ormskirk held to a draw after they fail to dislodge Ainsdale skipper Barlow

ORMSKIRK missed out on going top of the Liverpool Competition Premier Division table after they were held to a draw at Ainsdale.

The visitors racked up 285-3 dec thanks to half-centuries from Michael Jones (93), Josh Bohannon (79), Andy Baybutt (56) and an unbeaten 53 from George Lavelle, *writes Glenn Wallworth.*

In reply, Ainsdale's skipper Andy Barlow carried his bat with an unbeaten 67, Faiz Fazal hit 61 and Ormskirk old boy Martyn Farrell (8*) denied the visitors victory as they comfortably held on for the draw on 210-7.

New Brighton moved top of the table after a convincing 164-run victory at Southport & Birkdale.

The visitors chose to bat and piled up 271-4 dec, thanks to a an unbeaten century from David While (100 inc 13x4 &3x6), 99 from skipper Mark Rowland and 33 from Andrew Clarke

In reply, Tearan Gleeson (23) top scored for the hosts who were dismissed for 107, with Clarke taking 3-13 and Ashraf Nawab 4-26 which included his 1,000th league wicket.

Bootle and Northern drew at Moor Park. The visitors posted 216-7 up on the board, thanks in the main to an unbeaten 75 from Will Purser, 45 from Danny Davies and 30 from Michael Farrell.

In reply Chris Liptrot 6-51 tore the heart out of the hosts who slipped to 72-7, before Elliot Bradley (55*) and Tom Jones (31*) led them to safety on 146-7.

Leigh won by four wickets at bottom placed Formby. The hosts hit 202-9 dec, with Ollie Sutton (46), Daniel Stanley (42) and James Seward (29) all making useful runs, with Matty McKiernan 5-63 and Finnegan Hulbert 3-54 taking the bulk of the wickets to fall.

In reply, reigning champions Leigh wrapped up victory on 203-6, thanks to runs from skipper Tom Foster (59), Ross Zelem (47), Jack Hayes (34*) and Adam Shallcross (30), whilst Gary Keedy spun his way to 4-56 with the ball.

Stone helps Burscough set decent total but it was just not enough

IN the First Division Burscough were beaten by three wickets at Newton le Willows.

Jon Stone (82*), Ben van Niekerk (51) and Chris Andrews (37) were all in the runs as the visitors declared on 226-6.

In reply, keeper Chris Chambers (81), Alex Lyon (66) and an unbeaten 33 from Dom Chambers saw the hosts to victory on 227-7.

Table toppers Highfield had an 85-run win at Fleetwood Hesketh.

Martyn Jenks (45) and an unbeaten 37 from Michael Simpson enabled the visitors to declare on 181-8, with Jack Wrigglesworth taking 3-30

In reply, the hosts slipped from 51-0 to 96 all out, with Madduma Lakmal 6-28 and Rob Halliwell 4-26 doing the damage with the ball.

Hightown St Mary's remain rooted to the foot of the table, after a 10-wicket defeat at Wigan. The visitors were dismantled for 90 with Matty White (46) scoring over half of them, whilst the rest had no answer to Ryan Parry 5-16 and Jordan Hampson 3-36.

In reply, John Richardson 53* and Jake Leyland 38* eased the hosts to victory on 91-0.

In the Second Division Skelmersdale were beaten by 130 runs at Orrell Red Triangle.

Orell RT scored 258-7 declared off 54.4 overs with Mathew Morgan top scoring with 61.

Skelmersdale were all out for 128 in reply in the 31st over.

Jack Maddocks top scored with 26 with Siddiq Patel taking four wickets.

Former Skem winger signs for Peterborough

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

FORMER Skelmersdale United winger Danny Lloyd has signed for League One side Peterborough United on a three year contract.

Danny will be known better to Skem supporters as Danny Lloyd-McGoldrick.

He was with Skelmersdale on loan from Southport during 2010/11 when he made 16 appearances scoring three goals.

It is understood that Skelmersdale did have the chance to sign him on permanently but that move wasn't carried out and he eventually moved on to Colwyn Bay.

Danny moved to AFC Fylde and quickly made a name for himself, before joining Stockport County in the 2016 close season, regularly netting for the Coasters including in an FA Trophy tie against Skem last season and carrying on that reputation at Edgeley Park.

Danny was always a confident type of player and is reported by BBC Radio Cambridgeshire to have said after signing for The Posh: "I believe in my ability and believe this is a level I should be playing at. I wish it was July 1 already"

A player who is well known for his pace and ability to commit defenders, Danny has also appeared for Chorley, Lincoln City and Tamworth.

Danny Lloyd

Danny is 25 years old and on the Peterborough United website, manager Grant McCann said: "He likes to get forward at every opportunity and I am looking forward to working with him."

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